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[Despatch Abstract.]

Retrenchment and Re-organisation Gen Education Department - English Department in Government Arts Colleges - Reduction Gazetted posts - Papers Recorded.

Note file

The question of retrenching gazetted posts in the Government colleges in the English Department may be considered by the Retrenchment Committee. I am told that in every first grade colleg there are two gazetted posts in the English Department and one of them may be converted into a subordinate post. This question may be examined by the Committee.

The question of abolishing the posts of Divisional Inspectors of Schools, (Education Department) may also be considered.

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Hon.Minister (Finance)
27-9-1947

Addl.Secy. Finance.
Secy. Re-organisation Committee.

Finance (Reorgn.) Department.

The minutes of Hon.Minister Finance above may be perused.

2. Divisional Inspectors of Schools:-

At the instance of Hon. Minister Education the question of abolition of the Divisional Inspectors of Schools was considered in detail by Education and Public Health Department. The Director of Public Instruction expressed himself strongly against the suggestion. Hon. Minister finally ordered that the matter might be left to be decided by the Reorganisation Committee.

While reviewing the need for the continuance of new posts created in the Education Department, Additional Secretary noted that Divisional Inspectors of Schools are quite unnecessary, Particularly as the Director of Public Instructions has the assistance of a number of Deputies who deal with the larger administrative question, and that with larger delegation of powers to the District Education Officers in what are really routine matters, the posts of Divisional Inspectors can easily be abolished; but that as this would render the work of the District Education Officers more responsible it is desirable to retain their Personal Assistants of the grade of Senior Deputy Inspectors to give relief in routine matters. He also suggested that, if the Divisional Inspectors of Schools are retained (whether with or without reduction in their number) the posts of Personal Assistants to District Educational Officers would be superfluous.

Education and Public Health have asked the Director of Public Instructions to offer his remarks on the above suggestion. The matter will be placed before Reorganisation Committee after a reply is received from the Director of Public Instructions. It may be noted in this connection that there is a suggestion for the appointment of District Administrative Officers and the abolition or reduction in the number of Regional Officers like the Divisional Inspectors of Schools, Conservator of Forests etc. and this matter will be placed before the Committee at its first meeting.

3. Retrenchment of Gazetted posts in Government Colleges in the English Department:-

The suggestion is that one of the two Gazetted posts in the English Department in the Government Colleges may be converted into a subordinate post. A similar proposal made by Dr.Musafar Karamchand, Principal, Government College, Kumbakonam, has been examined by this Department recently.

The Director of Public Instruction to whom the proposal was referred is of the opinion that in each Government College teaching any subject upto the B.A., or B.Sc., standard including English, there should be one Lecturer of the Madras Education Service

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Service Grade for that subject, excluding the Principal who has also to look after the general administration and supervision of all the Departments. According to the above suggestion, in a College in which the Principal teaches English there will be two Lecturers in English while in another College where the Principal is teaching any other subject there will be two Lecturers in that subject, but only one Madras Education Service Lecturers in English. The Director of Public Instruction however considers that the number in the Madras Educational Service cadre will not be reduced.

The vice Chancellor, Madras University was not inclined to agree to the above suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction. He stated that as the matters stand at present in the Intermediate Class there are two or three divisions in English both in the Junior and the Senior, that English has also to be taught for each of the B.A. classes and independently for the classes for the B,Sc., that the fact that large number of students are taking B.Sc., has not in any way interfered with the necessity for giving teaching in English separately for the students of the B.A. class and that the present position of having two members of the Madras Educational Service in English is not due to any special preference shown to English as a subject of study, but that it is rather to meet the needs of the Department of English. Education and Public Health considered that the above argument of the Vice Chancellor was sound and acceptable.

While the Director of Public Instruction proposed to treat English in the same manner as other subjects in regard to the number of Professors to be allotted, the Vice Chancellor considered that the number of Professors for English should be larger because English is a subject compulsory to all students of the College and the work relating to English is not reduced on account of some students taking the B.Sc. courses. If the number of stduents for English increases, there will be a need for an increase in the number of Assistant Professors who handle the classes. This Department considered that as the number of Professors should also bear some relation to the number of Assistant Professors, there may need for more than one Professors for English to give guidance to Assistant Professors and maintain discipline among students when large classes have to be handled and that so long as English is a compulsory subject to be taken by students of all classes, no great objection can be raised to the Colleges which have two Professors for that subject being allowed to continue to have them.

The file containing the above view of this Department was circulated to Hon.Minister (Education) and Hon. Minister (Finance) They have not minuted against the suggestion of this Department. In view of this, it is for consideration whether the orders of Hon. Minister (Finance) may be taken as to whether the proposal should be pursued. (If the question is to be pursued, Education and Public Health will have to be asked to examine the proposal and to state what will be its financial effect.)

Please ascertain in which Colleges (where the special reason 'B' on page 4 above does not exist) there are two gazetted posts for English.

Sd/-xxxxxxxxx,
3-10-1947.

A draft telephonic Message to the Director of Public Instruction is submitted for approval as information required by the Additional Secretary is not available in the Education and Public Health Department.

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3-10-1947.

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Please see the minutes of Hon. Minister (Finance) on page 1 above and the notes of this Department foregoing.

A note on the general question of abolishing the Regional Officers like Divisional Inspectors of Schools in all Departments has been placed before the Reorganisation Committee. The Committee has appointed two Sub-Committees and has decided to go into the question in detail after visiting various offces. No action seems called for at present on the suggestion of Hon. Minister (Finance) to abolish the posts of Divisional Inspectors of Schools.

Ase regards the suggestion of Hon. Minister (Finance) to abolish one post of Meduea Madras Educational Service in the English Department in all first grade Colleges, the note of this Department in para 3 on pages 2-4- sets out the position. The Presidency College has 4 gazetted officers for teaching English. In May 1947 when a similar proposal was considered, the Director of Public Instruction was of the opinion that the conditions of the Presidency College was different since it coached students up to the Hon's Standard and that no reduction was possible in the number of Gazetted Officers. This Department agreed with the view of the Director of Public Instruction . c.f. 'P' on page 5 n.f. of G.O. at (Z).

The Director of Public Instruction has also stated that in the following Colleges there are two Gazetted posts in English where the Principals are not the Heads of the Departments of English: -

1. Government College, Anantapur.
2. Government Victoria College, Palghat.
3. Government College, Coimbatore.
4. Queen Mary's College, Madras.

He has stated that the arrangement proposed by him in his letter No. 11330 K.2/46 dated 6-5-1947 would be the best rearrangement even though it does not involve any reduction in the number of Madras Education Service posts in the cadre. The Vice Chanceller did not then agree with the re-arrangement proposed by the Director of Public Instruction but considered that so long as English happened to be taught as a compulsory language, no reduction in the staff in that Department could be effected. This Department agreed with this view. H.M.(Finance) and H.M.(Education) did not also minute against this view. For orders whether the proposal to reduce the number of Gazetted posts in Government Colleges in English Departments should be pursued. If so, the case may be transferred to Education and Public Health Department for examining the proposal with details of financial cost.

Two questions were raised by Hon. Minister (Finance) viz.-
1. Abolition of the posts of Divisional Inspectors of Schools and
2. Retrenchment of Gazetted posts in the English Department of the Government Colleges.

Item (1) above:- The Retrenchment and Re-organisation sub Committee has decided to go into the question after visiting the concerned offices. No action is called for at present.

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Item (2)/above: The Director of Public Instruction and the Vice Chanceller do not agree to the proposal -vide page 7-9 c.f. of (Z) and para 2 on page 7 c.f. The proposal may if approved be placed before the Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee for orders. If it is decided that the proposal should be pursued, the case may then be remitted to Education and Public Health for further action.

After approval, a short note will be prepared for being placed before the Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee. H.M.(Finance) may see.

Sd XXXXXXXXXX.,
26-11-47.

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In a matter of this kind it is not desirable to overrule the Vice Chancellor of the University. There is also the point that where a very large number of classes (each with a large number of students) has to be held in a particular subject it is desirable to have more than one Provincial Service Lecturer so that a certain minimum percentage of the classes may be handled by a more responsible officer. For orders whether the matter should be pursued and if so whether it may be placed before the Retrenchment and Re-organization Committee.

NOT NECESSARY.

Sd/- B.G.R.
Hon. Minister (Finance)
7-12-47.

Finance (Ret.) Department.

Please see the orders in circulation at the bottom of page 6 above. The papers may now be recorded for facility of future reference.

ORDER / MS. G.O.Ms. 971 Finance, dated 9-12-1947.

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9-12-1947.

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